

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 6th February 2011

Request for Return of IRTS Trophies and Cups

It is time once again to recall all trophies presented at the 2010 IRTS, AGM held in Dundalk.

Trophies and Cups can be returned to the IRTS Stand at the Phoenix Radio Club Rally in Coolmine on Sunday February 20th 2011 or to any IRTS Committee Member before end of February 2011.

This will allow for any engraving to be done, or to allow any repairs as needed.

Early return will be appreciated. Peter EI4HX can be contacted on ei4hxperimental / at/eircom / dot/ net.

IRTS Awards Nominations.

The time is here again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies and cups that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for,

1. Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio. Awards in this category can be to members or non-members.

2. Awards for other achievements.

Awards in this category [2] include the 4 and 6 Meter Shields, the SWL Award, and the awards for Quality Construction Projects. These are confined to members only.

When considering your nominations, please refer to previous successful winners as included in www.irts.ie/cgi/awards.cgi

Nominations may be from Clubs or Individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX and Pat EI9HX, or to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair of Awards Committee, QTHR, or by e-mail to ei4hxperimental / at/ eircom/ dot/ net.

Closing date for nominations is February 30th 2011.

IRTS AGM Annual Dinner and Rally 2011

You are reminded of the importance of attending the IRTS AGM weekend, including Annual Dinner and Rally will be held this year on Saturday March 26th and Sunday March 27th. The event will be hosted by the Limerick Radio Club. The venue is the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick. For more information contact, Ger McNamara EI4GXB on 087 2532512 or ei4gxb/ at /gmail/ dot/ com.

Engineers Week

This year Engineers Week, organised by Engineers Ireland, runs from 14 – 20 February. Once again the Society plans to participate in centres through the country. Currently under consideration are Athlone, Cork, Cavan, Dundalk., Mayo and Limerick. If you would like to participate please contact Séamus ei8bp / at /eircom /dot/net.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The Shannon Basin Radio Club held its AGM in Roscommon on the 28th Jan. The following officers were elected.. Chairman: Pat EI9HX, Secretary: Brian EI8IU, Treasurers: Fergus EI6IB and Brian EI8IU, QSL Manager: Richard EI5GGB. The club would like to thank the outgoing officers. Several new members attended and are very welcome to the club. The next meeting will be held in Hannons Hotel Roscommon Town on Wednesday 23rd March at 20:30.

Blackrock Castle Observatory Cork

North Cork Radio Group will be active EI1NC/P on February 19 and 20 from 10am until 5pm at Blackrock Castle Observatory a 16th century Castle located 4km from the heart of Cork city on the banks of the river Lee.

The Castle has seen many uses in its vast history and now houses the cutting edge of space and observation technology, more info on the Castle is available at www.bco.ie information on NCRG is available at www.ei1nc.com

Fingal Radio Club

With immediate effect, please note that the Fingal Radio Club EI 2 FRC will no

longer be meeting at the Erin's Isle GAA Club, Farnham Drive Finglas Dublin.

Fingal Radio Club have not as yet finalised their new meeting place, so in the meantime, contact and information about the club may be made to Chris Yeates EI 7 AAB at YEATESDSL / at/ eircom / dot/ net for the latest information.

Limerick Radio Club

The AGM of Limerick Radio Club will take place on Thursday 10 February at 7.30pm in the Limerick Institute of Technology. All members are requested to attend. Further details are available from Ger McNamara EI4GXB Hon. Secretary at QTHR.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Monday 28 February in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. All are welcome.

For up to date information about the club, visit www.searg.com

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club are planning to get Ireland its say again in the International Geopark Communication event on 28 & 29 May, with stations at the Copper Coast Geopark and the Marble Arch Caves Geopark in Fermanagh. Geoparks are areas recognised by UNESCO to have exceptional geological heritage. There are 42 in 16 European countries, but only these two in Ireland. Amateur radio's culture itself is international educational and scientific, so it is quite right that amateur radio be involved with Geoparks that are designated by UNESCO – the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

DX News

Bruno DH1BL who is at present on the Island of Mayotte in the Indian Ocean has been active as FH/DH1BL. He recently received a local call and can now be found using FH4VOS. He expects to be on Mayotte for another three years and his QSL info is via DL7BC.

Two American operators plan to operate on the amateur bands from Haiti between February 18 and March 5. They will be working at a local Christian Mission and

during their spare time will be on the air as HH4/K4QD and HH4/AF4Z.

J88DR will be active again from February 16 to March 14. This is the call used by Dave G3TBK while on the Caribbean island of St Vincent. Dave is interested in contesting and will be QRV in the ARRL DX CW Contest as well as the ARRL DX SSB Contest and the Commonwealth Contest during that period.

An international team will operate from Cameroon using the call TJ9PF from February 10-20. QSL manager is F5OGL and full details of the DXpedition can be found on www.tj9pf.fr

Members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club are off on another overseas trip. This time they plan to operate as V55DLH from Namibia. QSL manager is DK8ZZ.

Gerd DJ4KW and Gisela DK9GG will operate from V31YN and V31GW respectively in Belize until the end of February. During the period 2 – 8 February they hope to go to Southwater Caye (IOTA NA-180) using the call V31YN/P.

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of independence, stations in Kuwait will be using the 9K50 prefix from now until the end of February.

DJ9KR PUBLISHES 40 METER BROADCAST INTRUDER LIST

Ulrich Bihlmayer, DJ9KR, of Tuebingen, Germany, has published a list of broadcast stations still operating in the 7.0 to 7.2MHz amateur service radio band. The list can be downloaded from in Adobe PDF format at tinyurl.com/4c8ootr.

The latest version was published on January 11th. Using it as a handy reference you should be able to determine what station might be interfering with a QSO and where that station is located.

Excellent graphics concerning the intruder situation in Region 1 / Europe during 2010, see www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/int2010

Visit also the powerpoint presentation on the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System homepage, see www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/bw-2010.pps

GLOBAL TUNES REACHES 55 RECEIVERS WORLD WIDE

You can now access 55 receivers world wide on the Global Tuners dot com website. Receivers on-line operate a variety of modes including the AM and FM broadcast

bands, the shortwave spectrum, HF and UHF bands in various modes.

Countries currently on-line include the USA, Australia , Finland, France, Germany , Greece , Italy , Hong Kong , the Netherlands, the Slovak Republic, Sweden and the United Kingdom to mention only a few. So far there are 33,777 registered members and you will have to sign up for an account if you wish to control a receiver.

For more information take your web browser to www.globaltuners.com and global tuners is spelled as one word.

Radio Rallies

PHOENIX A.R.C.

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club annual rally will be held on Sunday 20th February 2011 in the usual venue, Coolmine Community School, Blanchardstown.

Doors open for Traders at 9.00 am Doors open to public 3.00am Admission 5 Euros. To book tables contact Tony at 0872439997 or Tom at 01-8211043.

Plenty of Parking, Refreshments and Bring and Buy Sale. All usual traders will attend.

This is the First Rally of 2011.

For further details on Rallies please see www.irts.ie/rallies

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be

forwarded to Aidan EI7JC, preferably via e-mail to “news / dot /ei7jc / at / gmail / dot / com”. Or by phone to 085 7100511 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor not later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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